



Colonial Williamsburg

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Williamsburg, Virginia

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General Walter Bedell Smith
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 "E" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

In the temporary absence from the country of John Rockefeller and Kershaw Burbank, I am - on behalf of our "Special Survey Committee" - sending this brief note of congratulations that a long-standing rumor has been confirmed and that you are shortly assuming your important new post. God knows, there is no more difficult and responsible a position in our government just now.

Needless to say, if there is any help which any of us can ever render, we should be most appreciative to make the attempt. In my own case, having just returned from Southeast Asia and India, separate reports and interviews have been arranged through Edward Barrett in the State Department and Jasper DuBose in your own organization so that such information as I have will be at the disposal of the government for whatever it is worth. I believe that Kerk will do likewise when he returns late in September.

Also, please let me reiterate Mr. Rockefeller's invitation to come to Williamsburg with Mrs. Smith as often and as long as you wish. We would be delighted to see you whenever you are in the mood to escape Washington briefly and will guarantee you as much solitude as you want.

Sincerely,

John C. Goodbody
in

29 August 1950

Mr. John C. Goodbody
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Goodbody:

Your congratulations and cordial good wishes on my new appointment are deeply appreciated.

Although I am under no illusion as to the difficulty of the position to which I am shortly to assume, I am at the moment greatly heartened and encouraged by notes like yours, and, if there is little chance of happiness in this new assignment, at least there will be the satisfaction of doing a job which needs to be done.

Mrs. Smith and I have by no means forgotten Mr. Rockefeller's kind invitation to visit Williamsburg. We talk of it often but simply never have enough time to ourselves to make the trip. My new position promises to be even more demanding on my time but at least we will be more conveniently located to make this trip over a weekend. We will try to do this the first opportunity. There is nothing we would enjoy more.

Please convey my regards to Mr. Rockefeller and Kershaw Burbank with your next letter.

Sincerely,

J. D. SMITH